

ALLERGIES / STINGS

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Is patient alert?
 Is patient breathing normally?
 What is the patient complaining of?
 Is the patient having difficulty swallowing?
 How does the patient act when they sit up?
 Does the patient have a rash or hives?
 Is the patient complaining of itching?
 Does the patient have a history of a reaction to anything?
 If Yes:
 _ Describe the reaction the patient had before.
 _ How long ago was the patient exposed?
 Are the symptoms getting worse?
 Is the patient wearing a Medic Alert tag?
 _ If yes, what does it say?

SIMULTANEOUS ALS/BLS

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Unconscious/not breathing normally.
 Decreased level of consciousness.
 Difficulty swallowing.
 Cannot talk in full sentences.
 Swelling in throat or on face.
 Fainting.
 History of severe reaction.
 Generalized hives with difficulty breathing.
 Itching, hives, no difficulty breathing.

BLS DISPATCH

Call delayed longer than 30 minutes with history of reaction.
 Concern about reaction, but no history.
 Reaction present for long time (hours), no difficulty breathing.

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Pre-Arrival Instructions

Have the patient rest in the most comfortable position.

Keep neck straight – remove pillows.

Watch patient for signs of respiratory depression, or cardiac arrest.

Keep calm.

Brush the stinger off, if possible. Do not attempt to grasp stinger.

Ice to sting.

Gather patient medications, if any.

Do you have reaction kit? If yes, have you used it? Use as the physician has directed.

If the patient's condition changes, call me back.

Prompts

If unconscious, go to UNCONSCIOUS/BREATHING NORMALLY AIRWAY CONTROL

If unconscious, NOT breathing normally, go to CPR for appropriate age group.

Short Report

Age

Sex

Specific location

Chief complaint

Pertinent related symptoms

Medical/Surgical history, if any

Other agencies responding

Any dangers to responding units